

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The ninety-seventh meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, December 21st, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the Council, presided.

Before the minutes were confirmed, the Chairman said that the Council would be rejoiced at the better news concerning the health of the King, and informed it that she had inscribed her name in the Visitors' Book at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as its Chairman. She then moved the following Resolution from the Chair.

Resolution.

"That the members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales desire respectfully to express to Her Majesty the Queen their loyal sympathy in this time of great anxiety and their most earnest hope that His Majesty the King may shortly be completely restored to health."

Death of the Rev. G. B. Cronshaw.

The Chairman then reported the death of the Rev. George Bernard Cronshaw, Principal of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, on December 20th. Mr. Cronshaw, who had been Treasurer of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, for a number of years, was a member of the First and Second General Nursing Councils, and for a short time of the present one.

The Council, standing, passed a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Cronshaw.

Correspondence.

The correspondence included a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Congress, again inviting the Council to send delegates to the Fortieth Congress and Exhibition of the Institute, to be held at Sheffield from July 13th to 20th, 1929. In accordance with the considered policy of the Council, this was declined.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £100 for stamps, £20 for Insurance stamps, and £10 for petty cash, were allowed.

The estimate of Messrs. J. S. Forsaith and Son was accepted for reducing the size of 13,000 examination answer books to make 16,000 books, rewiring and punching, £18 19s. 6d., and also for supplying 36,000 new answer books, 6 sorts, 8 pages each, with printed cover, £105.

The Finance Committee raised no objection to the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee that six foolscap steel filing cabinets should be purchased at £6 2s. 6d. each, and that the estimate of Messrs. A. E. Monk and Co., amounting to £12 16s. for overhauling and repairing ten examination boxes be accepted.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that applications for approval for registration, were: *General Register* (by examination) 1,301, (by reciprocity), 2. *Supplementary Part of the Register* (by examination), Male Nurses, 1; Mental Nurses, 19; Sick Children's Nurses, 69; Fever Nurses, 127. *Total*, 1,519.

The applications were approved, and it was agreed that the appropriate certificate should be granted to each of these applicants, and authority was given to fix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

The Council directed that the names of eighteen nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names to be re-included, be re-included.

Education and Examination.

The Council considered applications from the authorities of Voluntary Hospitals for recognition as Training Schools for Nurses, and on the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the following institutions were approved. Hendon Cottage Hospital in affiliation with Charing Cross Hospital, London; Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland, extension of provisional approval for a further year to December 31st, 1928; the Cornelia Hospital, Poole, as a complete Training School; and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and the Dundee Royal Infirmary, temporarily, as complete Training Schools to permit two nurses trained in these hospitals and now resident in England to sit for the Examinations held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between November 1st and 30th amounted to 7,410 letters received and 15,976 letters despatched, that the interviews numbered 222, and that 81 permits were issued for the State uniform.

Appointment of Principal Clerk in the Registration Department.

The General Purposes Committee also reported that Miss Ella Florence Nock, S.R.N., had been appointed Principal Clerk in the Registration Department at a salary of £220 per annum. (Miss Nock was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, where she held the positions of Theatre Charge Nurse, Sister, and Office Sister.)

The State Uniform.

Duplicate permits to obtain the State Registered Uniform were granted to seven nurses who had reported the loss of their permits six months ago.

The date of the next Council Meeting was fixed for January 18th, and the Meeting concluded with an expression of good wishes by the Chairman to the members of the Council for Christmas, and also to the Registrar and the office staff.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod occupied the chair at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, December 7th, 1928, and fourteen members of the Council were present.

A letter was read from the Scottish Board of Health approving of the Council's resolution to continue the present scale of Examination Fees until after the February Examinations. It was arranged that as soon as the audited Accounts for 1928 were available the question of Examination Fees would be reconsidered.

Arrangements were made in regard to the Oral and Practical part of the next Examination in February, and applications for appointment as additional Examiners were considered.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the names of two Nurses who had already passed the Council's Final Examination and had now attained the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the Register. The Registrar was instructed to delete from the Register at 31st inst. the names of all Nurses who had failed to pay the annual Retention Fee.

The Council considered a letter from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association and discussed the points mentioned therein in view of a meeting between a Committee of the Council and Representatives of that Association to be held later in the day.

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